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THE BRYANT COLLEGE

Athletic News

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A packed gathering of 2,400 saw the Indians dedicate their new million dollar gymnasium in a special dedication game with intrastate rival Rhode Island College. For a closer look at the Indians in early season action turn to pages 2,3.

Top New England Quintets Slated for Action in Holiday Tourney Jan. 1 & 2

Three of the top small college teams in New England will invade Smithfield on New Year's Day for the start of the second annual Bryant Alumni Holiday Basketball Tournament.

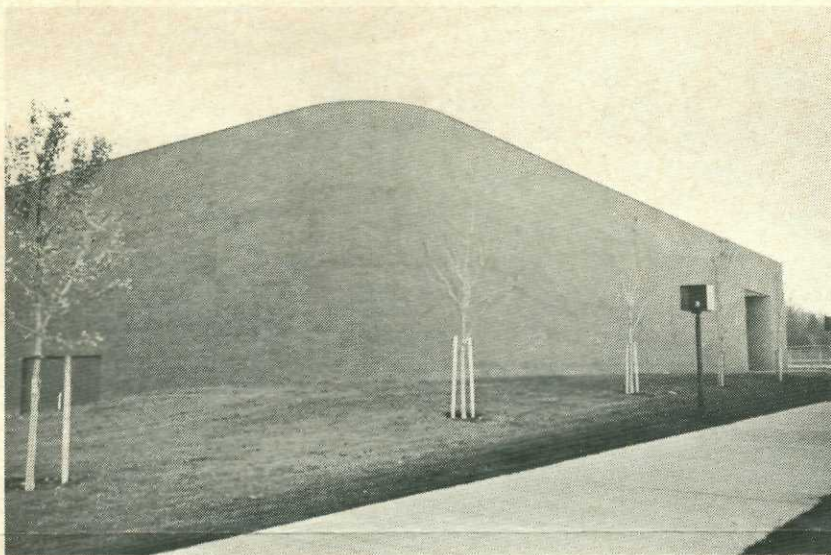
Defending champion Stonehill led by small college All-American Mike Allocco, heads the list of entries in this year's tourney which also includes Colby College of Waterville, Maine and Middlebury College of Middlebury, Vermont.

Middlebury has drawn the awesome task of meeting the Chieftains in the opening round, on January 1st.

The Stonehill-Middlebury contest, scheduled for 7 p.m. on New Year's day, will be the opening attraction in the two-day tourney. The host Bryant Indians swing into action at 9 p.m. on the 1st when they entertain ever dangerous Colby

The winners of Saturday nights opening round games will meet in the championship final Sunday night at 9 p.m. The two semifinal losers will meet in a consolation contest scheduled for 7 o'clock.

Alumni wishing to reserve tickets for either night may do so by contacting the Athletic Department at 231-1200, Ext. 336. Tickets also will be available at the door on Saturday night.



New Home for the Indians

The new 1.3 million dollar Bryant athletic complex, (left), was officially dedicated on December 3rd when the Indians played host to intrastate rival Rhode Island College in the opening game of the season.

The new athletic facility is a multi-purpose complex designed to serve the needs of the entire Bryant community. The new complex has three regulation basketball courts, male and female exercise rooms, sauna baths in addition to athletic department offices.

The new gym will be the site of the second annual Holiday Tournament January 1 and 2.



Above: Freshman Ned Bohan demonstrates his ballhandling ability in game with St. Francis.

Right: The Indians Bruce Stewart drives for two points against RIC.

Below: Co-captain Joe Westman battles for ball in contest with Quinnipiac.



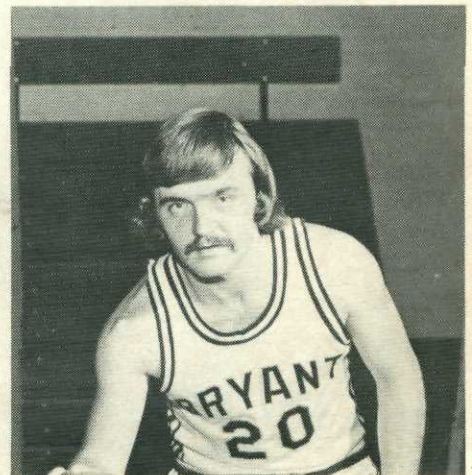
Folliard giving instruction during a break in the action against RIC.



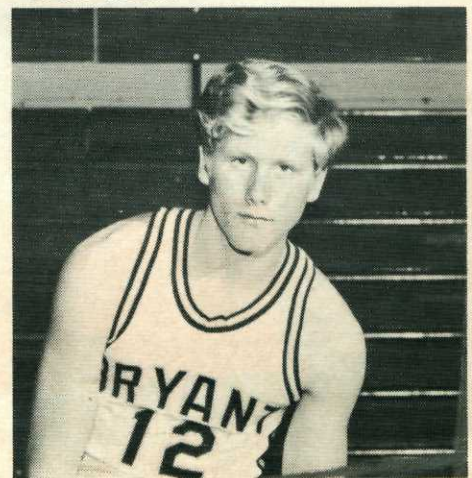


Above: Bryant President Dr. Harry Evarts officially dedicated the new gymnasium before the start of the RIC game.

Left: Assistant coach Bill Stein (left) and head coach Tom Folliard watch as their team jumped out to a six-point lead midway through the first half of the dedication game.



A pair of Providence natives, Brian Ahearn, (above) and Ned Bohan (below) have given Bryant fans reason to cheer with their sensational backcourt performances in the first three home games of the season.



The 1971-72 Indians

Exciting season seen for first year in new home

The setting was perfect.

The new million dollar gymnasium. A special dedication game with intrastate rival Rhode Island College. A packed house of 2,400 excited specatcers.

Everything seemed perfect for one of the most memorial nights in Bryant College athletic history. Only one thing went wrong? Someone forgot to tell RIC that it was Bryant's party.

For about 40 minutes the Bryant fans went wide as the Indians appeared on their way to one of the top upsets of the season. But midway through the second half RIC's superior height began to take its toll and by the end of the game, the highly rated Anchormen has taken a 92-78 decision.

But the RIC game was only the start of what looks like it could be an extremely successful season. A sensational new backcourt duo of Brian Ahearn and Ned Bohan have given the Indian fans reason to cheer with some outstanding ballhandling performances.

The Indians are carrying a 3-3 record into the Holiday Tournament. An important fact is that all three victories have been against Naismith Conference opponents giving the Indians the early Naismith Conference lead with a perfect 3-0 slate. If the Indians can continue their winning ways in Naismith competition it means an automatic berth in the regional N.A. I.A. playoffs at the end of the season and possibly another game against Rhode Island College.

1971-72 Schedule

Basketball Schedule

Jan. 1 and 2	Holiday Tournament at Smithfield	
Jan. 10	University of Delaware	Away
Jan. 25	Gordon	Away
Jan. 28	Suffolk	Home
Jan. 31	Quinnipiac	Away
Feb. 2	Barrington	Home
Feb. 4	Southeastern Mass.	Away
Feb. 7	Nasson	Home
Feb. 9	Nichols	Away
Feb. 12	U. of Maine at Portland	Home
Feb. 16	Gordon	Home
Feb. 18	St. Francis	Away
Feb. 19	Nasson	Away
Feb. 23	Bentley	Home
Feb. 25	Babson	Away

Fall Review

Success and development summarize the activities of the Bryant Athletic teams this fall.

Success belonged to the Indians cross country and golf teams. The cross country team, led by captain Roy Lapidus, captured the Rhode Island small college title, a third in the

Barrington Invitational and a fourth in the Brandeis Invitational.

The golf team, under the direction of coach Archie Boulet, continued its winning ways with a 7-2 fall record and gave an indication that it should be another winning season for the Indian linkmen this spring.

Development was the key word of the Indians soccer and baseball activities this fall. First year soccer coach Gerry Guay set the stage for future success as he spent this fall developing an all-sophomore and freshmen team. The Indians climaxed the season with a victory over Providence College.

Baseball coach Bill Stein welcomed 40 players for two weeks of informal baseball practice.

Remember when you were in good shape?

Would you like to lost those extra pounds you have put on since your college days?

Assistant athletic director Bill Stein may have the answer. Stein is presently in the process of forming an alumni

athletic association for all Bryant alumnus. Membership in the association would entitle members to use of all the new athletic facilities, including the basketball and volleyball courts, exercise room, sauna baths, tennis courts and outdoor track facilities.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a member of the association just fill out the attached form and return it to the Bryant Athletic Department, Smithfield, R.I. or drop a note to Bill Stein c/o of the Bryant Athletic Department.

I am interested in becoming a member of the Bryant Athletic Association. Please send me more information.

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